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More houses for Linton?

THE Editor has been made aware that several residents have received leaflets with the following information from Ely Diocese re their glebe land on Horseheath Road. Note quotation marks are as in leaflet



Planning application

Ely Diocese has applied to South Cambridgeshire District Council for permission to develop part (but not all) of the "glebe" field on the edge of Linton, on Horseheath Road.

"We have applied for permission to construct 50 houses. They will be a mix of bungalows and two and three bed houses which we understand are those most needed locally.

We propose that part of the field will be made into 30 allotment plots, and leased long-term to the allotment society, thereby fulfilling a long-standing local wish for more allotments in the village.

The land in the north east corner of the field is not part of the glebe and has not been included in the application.

There will be a 'green buffer' between the new houses and the back gardens of the existing houses adjacent to the field.

Thirty of the 50 houses will be sold on the open market. The other 20 (40%) will be sold at a below-market price to a local housing association, to be rented by it at affordable rents. Both of these will help alleviate local housing needs. We hope to ensure as much local priority as possible for these sales and rentals.

The application includes provision to improve speed reduction and pedestrian safety measures along the Horseheath Road.

We hope you will support this development, which will bring housing, allotment and traffic safety benefits to the village, and – whatever your own religion, or none – we hope you will appreciate the wider social benefits to the Christian community and mission in the Diocese".

Further information

The full application is on the SCDC website at www.scdc.gov.uk

For more information, please contact Jon Green at the Ely Diocesan Office at jon.green@office.ely.anglican.org 01353 652700

Houses already being built

AT the end of July I looked out of my window and saw a huge machine which I eventually discovered was on a building site in Keene Fields. At first I thought it was a pile driver, but on talking to the pleasant and helpful site manager, Will Higton, I discovered it was a piling machine – which makes much less noise than a pile driver and was used in consideration of the neighbours. The picture shows the piling machine in situ.

The company developing the site is Enterprise Heritage, based in Whittlesford and founded in 1993. Enterprise Heritage concentrates its activities in the home counties and East Anglia and aims to provide careful conservation and restoration of historic buildings, as well as sympathetic new-build within conservation areas.

The site is to have 11 houses and a bungalow. It is split with a bungalow on the right as you go up Keene Fields from Horseheath Road and 11 houses on the left hand side. There are four social houses within the site.

Will was anxious that residents were not disturbed too much by the build and was ready to answer any questions residents might have. I think he had already spoken to several people before I got there.

Fran Armes



The piling machine

Picture by Fran Armes

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Breaking News

LINTON Parish Council has now received plans for both of the above planning applications. The references are :

S/1963/15/OL Residential development for up to 78 dwellings with access from Bartlow Road, Land to north and south of and immediate.

S/1969/15/OL Outline planning application for up to 50 houses and 30 allotments on Horseheath Road.

It looks likely that our Parish Council will hold a Planning Committee meeting on 10th September for initial consideration, followed by consideration of full Council at the meeting due to be held on 17th September. Members of the public will be informed in all the usual ways so that they can attend either of these meetings to give their comments.

Please note that the members of the public can come into the office and look at the plans, and the parish council would encourage them to send their comments to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) copying the parish council in, so that they know the general feeling of residents on these before considering them at the meetings.

To give comments to SCDC online for eg S/1963/15/OL

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Scroll to comment on this application and fill in

the form.

To send in comments by post, give your title, name, address, the reference number of the plan and comment and send to:

All comments should be sent to SCDC either via their online planning portal tool, or to the case officer by email:

<https://www.scamps.gov.uk/services/planning-applications>

karen.pell-coggins@scamps.gov.uk

Note valid objections to a plan can only be made on certain grounds such as traffic congestion on the A1307, traffic safety, noise, and flooding.

Editor

Singing songs of expectation

WHEN over 200 singers from the area assemble on Saturday 19th September for rehearsal, it is the culmination of many months of planning and preparation for the Archdeaconry of Cambridge Church Music Society (AC-CMS) Festival of Church Music.

The society is a long established one having been set up in the mid nineteenth century to support and encourage church choirs and to bring church music to churches which do not have a regular choir. The Archdeaconry of Cambridge covers Cambridge and the surrounding area.

Every two years church choirs and any other interested singers from a very wide area are invited to take part in a service held at King's College Chapel. By the time the singers all meet on the Saturday afternoon everything, well nearly everything, is in

place. Many months before, the society committee has come up with a title/theme for the service. This year it is *Songs of Expectation*. Then the music is chosen. Pains-taking work takes place to produce copies of the service booklet with the music for the singers; a conductor invited; organist engaged; local rehearsals arranged; lighting and sound engineers booked; stewards for the singers and for the service allocated; seating plan for the rehearsals and the service sorted out and conversations with King's Chapel for the arrangements on the day.

The music includes Parry's anthem: *I was glad, The heavens are telling* by Haydn and *How lovely are the messengers* by Mendelssohn. The service is at 5.30pm. Anyone is welcome to join the congregation.

David and Anne Parry-Smith, 894715



An ACCMS rehearsal at King's College Chapel in 2013

Picture by David Parry-Smith

Too good for jumble...

INTERESTING offers this month include a de Breville kitchen juicer and a set of golf clubs with a bag and balls. The TP trampoline and wooden picnic table with seats are still available as well as the 19 inch ACE flat screen computer monitor with mains and computer connecting lead; the materials and printer cartridges for 88XL HP Office Jet Pro series; a multipack for Epson TO487 Epson stylus photo printers and a pocket snooker table.

The camping cot raised £30 for Macmillan Nurses and a further camping cot raised £15 for the RSPCA.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com NB: The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.

Please could the person who called about an item in the July edition whose phone number is something like 892763 (or 893762) call again as I have been unable to return your call.

Come to the Ceilidh

LINTON Infant School PTFA is holding a Family Ceilidh on Saturday 3rd October, from 5 to 8pm in the Village Hall. Ticket order forms will be sent home with pupils the week commencing 7th September and will also be available from the school office for the wider community.

Ticket numbers are limited therefore it is strictly first come, first served. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information please check Linton Infant School Facebook page from September.

**Yvonne Walker,
Linton Infants PTFA, 891706**

New faces at ACES



**Reverend Guite,
Our MP Lucy
Frazer and
Councillor
Enid Bald**

Picture by
John Bald

LINTON ACES held their annual Garden Party on 4th August - a fine dry day, not too hot, and with really good attendance. In fact, so many came that we ran out of scones (supplied by Boswell's Bakery) and the helpers got hardly a sniff at a strawberry...

We had two new visitors - our MP, Lucy Frazer, and our rector, Canon Maggie Guite. Both were the first holders of their office to come to an ACES event, and they made sure to meet everyone, encourage us all and to hear of our issues and problems. It was heartening that such friendly connections were made and we now feel that they are a true part of our community.

Thank you to all who helped and brought gifts. Also, to Friends of St Mary's who brought their stall - never too early for Christmas shopping, and our helpers, Linda, Marlene, Janet, Peggy, Pauline, Colleen (who brought Naomi...) and even John, who added a bit of muscle. Having missed out on scones we had a glass of wine - cheers! See you again, next year.

Following our successful trip to Southwold, we have another coach trip in October. Where would you like to go? Call me on 891069. All older residents welcome.

Enid Bald

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust sponsored ride, drive and stride

CYCLE, drive, ride or walk around our churches and chapels from 10am to 6pm on Saturday 12th September.

This is to raise money for the church or chapel of your choice and for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust which funds grants and loans to churches.

This is an annual, national event and a good way to explore the countryside and visit local churches as well as fundraising.

If you would like to participate for all or part of the day, please contact David or myself after 1st September. We have more information, sponsorship forms and lists of churches and chapels in Cambridgeshire. For further details see the website www.rideandstrideuk.org.

St Mary's in Linton will be open from 10am-6pm on the day and there will be squash and biscuits for participants.

Anne Parry-Smith, 894715, anne@parry-smith.co.uk

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**Maisie Conway
receives her prize**

the Linton Infants School's Lunchtime
Gardening Club (The Green Fingers Cup
for groups).

Many thanks to all the people who
helped create another successful show
for the village.

Why not join the Gardening Club this
year? The programme starts on Tuesday
8th September at 7.30 pm in the Village
Hall. At the meeting Wendy Foster and
Ron Pitkin will present a slide show of
their trip to the Beth Chatto Gardens.

Helen Townsend (Show Secretary),
893577



**Jan Sheppard
receives her prize
from Dr Anderson**

Tea for RNIB

THERE'S nothing quite like a good cup of tea, especially if it raises money for a really good cause. That's why we're inviting you to host a Tea for RNIB party this summer. Join hundreds of people across the UK raising money to support blind and partially sighted people.

Call 0845 345 0054 and we'll send you everything you need to get your Tea for RNIB party started. You just need to invite your friends to your house, garden, street or anywhere else you fancy

There's a serious side to the party. Did you know that in the next 15 minutes, someone in the UK will be told: "You are losing your sight"? But right now, we can only reach one in three of the people who need our help the most. Your support can help more blind and partially sighted people to face the future with confidence.

You could support us by:

- Asking guests to donate for a slice of cake and a cup of tea
- Selling raffle tickets for donated prizes
- Asking for donations to guess the number of sweets in a jar
- Selling home crafts or yummy delights

Remember, it's easy and fun to run a Tea for RNIB party. There are loads more ideas in our free party pack, just call 0845 345 0054 or visit www.rnib.org.uk/tea-rnib to order yours today.

Contact Hayley, your local fundraiser who will be able to answer all your questions and help in any way she can on 01733 375 372 or 07908 473 043

**Hayley Newton
Area Fundraising Manager East Anglia RNIB**

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Readers write...

Post and email addresses and deadline for articles are on this page. All letters for publication must have a full name, address or phone number to enable us to check authenticity. Letters may be edited. Opinions are not necessarily those of the Linton News.

Anonymous letters will NOT be published but names and addresses may be withheld if requested.

Dear Editor

There is an ongoing problem on Camping Close. This takes the form of broken bottles smashed against the wall or on the ground and left, fires of either cardboard taken from the Co-op waste bins, or logs, nitrous oxide canisters and other litter spread over a wide area of the Close.

The damage is done by teenagers who come in the evening and stay until about 11.30pm or sometimes all night. In the past the worst night seems to be the night of the day the A-level results come out.

The residents regularly clear the rubbish up and put it either in their own bins or pile it up in the rubbish bin provided on the Close. The Parish road sweeper also clears up the rubbish.

The residents are particularly worried by the broken glass, as it is near to the Infant School and in any case could harm dogs, small children or indeed anyone caught unawares.

Can the police and the Parish council do anything to address this problem before someone or a pet gets hurt?

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor re the letter on the problem on Camping Close Linton Parish Council (LPC) is aware of these and other problems of anti-social behaviour in the village and the local police/PCSO has already been informed. It seems that the problem is now mainly on Camping Close. LPC supports youth work with a substantial grant to the Beacon Trust which has helped to discourage such anti-social behaviour with its outreach work. We also work closely with the police and PCSOs, reporting and liaising with them when anti-social behaviour is brought to our attention. We always encourage residents to report incidents directly to these authorities on 101 (or 999 if urgent). In this way, the police have sufficient data to target their resources and give the village the support it needs. LPC is grateful to those residents who regularly help remove rubbish and help our Village Custodian in his work. More rubbish bins for the area are soon to be installed, and other proposals to help mitigate the problems will soon be brought to council for consideration. If anyone has any information on who might be responsible for anti-social behaviour in any area of the village then they should report this to the police so that it can be investigated. LPC would be pleased to hear from residents' associations, community volunteers or the local neighbourhood watch scheme in regard to ways we could work together to combat this issue.

Linton Parish Council

Dear Editor

The bird your correspondent saw (see the July issue) was almost certainly a buzzard as there seems to be a pair in every other wood now.

But I have to say Barbara Silverman lives in cloud cuckoo land if she believes they only take small rodents and earthworms as they have been seen to strike prey as big as hen pheasants and are regularly seen on the fresh carcasses of partridges. Since their explosion in this area we rarely see the once abundant brown hares now (leverets have no defence from above) and the adult partridges dwindle even when there is no shooting. Buzzards are doing their bit to clear wildlife from this country along with all the rest of the predators, in time this country will be like many more with little or no wildlife left!

Most of the blame for this policy lies with the (experts?) of organisations such as RSPB (Royal Society for Predator Boosting?) and BTO (British Trust for Obliteration?) who won't admit there must be a balance in the country and I can see the time when they will be the ones extinct as they will have nothing to protect and my great grandchildren will only know of the dawn chorus in history books.

Gerald Franklin, by email

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PLODDING ALONG

An update on police matters

BETWEEN 8th and 10th August a handbag was stolen from an insecure Nissan Micra in Tower View. Note there have been other thefts from vehicles in August in Sawston, Little Abington, Balsham and Little Shelford. We currently have two people in custody on suspicion of breaking into cars.

Some of you from Sawston, Balsham, and Linton, will be aware of a homeless male who has been seen hanging around the villages. One of the officers below spent some time trying to get him some help and support from a night shelter in Cambridge. However they had no vacancies until the next day by which time it would appear that he had moved on. If seen again please let us know on 101. As always please remain vigilant and report suspicious behaviour to the Police on 101, or 999 if something is happening there and then.

PCSOs Chris Wiseman, Gary Kendall and Julie Hajredini, Sawston, South Cambridgeshire

Love in a box

IT may seem a long time until Christmas but this is the time we start thinking about shoe boxes of age appropriate gifts for the children in our Children in Distress hospices in Romania, and we also give boxes to the poor and disadvantaged children in local families.

We do not forget the elderly people. Old age is hard in Romania with little governmental support, and the anxiety of unpaid pensions. You may like to fill a box with gifts for this age group.

Because the lorry loads of boxes have to start the long journey across Europe at the beginning of November we have to deliver all the boxes from Linton to a depot in London by the last week in October. Therefore can you please make sure that we have your boxes by 25th October.

Before you pack your box please pick up one of our Love in a Box leaflets so that packing and contents comply with customs regulations. These can be obtained from Linton Post Office or the Library, or failing that, give us a ring and we will drop one off for you.

Please deliver boxes to our house, 1 Rhugarve Gardens, Linton, CB21 4LX or we can collect.

Colleen and Derek Lockstone 891931

My extra life

the WI MARGARET BLANCHARD became an extra by accident. An academic in Oxford, she was cycling along a picturesque street popular with film makers when she saw a crowd of people and heard a shout "Cut!" She had cycled into the picture on an Inspector Morse shoot. The director asked if she would like to be in the film, and so began her career as a film extra.

She was chosen to play the vice-chancellor's wife in Inspector Morse, and could not believe it when John Gielgud played her husband. She was so overcome she was speechless. All you could see of her in the film was her big, floppy hat dripping with rain.

Margaret belongs to a union which allows her to say up to 29 words. The working day starts at 5am with makeup and costume, then breakfast at 6am, eaten in full makeup and costume.

Blenheim Palace was the location for *Black Beauty*, brilliantly disguised as 19th century Covent Garden Market. Sean Connery in *Entrapment* was generous and friendly and put on a sumptuous three-course dinner to thank everybody. He, very unselfconsciously, took off his toupee after filming ended for the day.

Calendar Girls was the most enjoyed by Margaret—tremendous fun for three days she said. The actual WI members who posed for the calendar were in a scene singing *Jerusalem* with gusto.

Margaret belongs to an organisation in Florida for the protection of the endangered giant leatherback turtle. She has written a fantasy adventure featuring leatherback turtles to raise funds for the cause.

Our next meeting is on 1st September. The speaker is Andrew Sankey on *The History of the Cottage Garden*.

Sally Probets

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Call 971797 for an audio version of the Linton News.

Details of items in bold type may be found in this edition.

WEEKLY

Seedlings Alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm
Chestnutbaby/toddler group, 9.30-11.30am Monday term time CC

Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays Pavilion

Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)

Play & Stay, Alternate Tuesdays, 9.30-11am CC

WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time VH

Linton Air Cadets Mon Thurs 7-9.30pm (07717801056) LVC

Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays CP

Linton Granta playgrp, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday LVC

Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays term time LVC

Linton Granta playgrp, 12.30-2.30pm Mon-Fri, NOT Tues LVC

Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time Library

Granta Bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays VH

Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509) CC

Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays VH

IT club, 7pm Tuesdays CC

Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time only VH

Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays URC

Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays Library

Cricket club, 6-8pm Thursdays RG, LVC

Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays VH

Bumps to babies, 1.15-2.45pm Thursdays CC

Table tennis club, 8-10pm Thursdays term time only URC hall

Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays CP

St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays St Mary's

Bridge club, 7pm Fridays CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

SEPTEMBER 2015

1 WI, 7.30pm VH

2 Reading Group, 8pm Red Lion

3 Linton Lunch club, 12.15 LVC

4 2523 ATC squadron barbecue, 7.30pm LVC

5 Farmers' Market, 9am LVC

7 Camera Club, 7.15pm CC

8 VIP group, 2pm Chalklands

8 Gardening club, 7.30pm VH

9 Community Navigator, 10am -12noon HC

12 Churches Sponsored ride, 10am-6pm incl. St Mary's Windmill House

12 and 13 The Curious Room exhibition Windmill House URC

13 Lighthouse, 10.15-12noon URC

14 AGM residents' association, 7.30pm Chalklands

14 Whist drive, 7.30pm VH

14 Linton Children's Book Festival Meeting, 8pm D&D snug

16 Cambridge Hearing Help, 9.30am -12noon HC

17 Parish council meeting, 7.30pm CC

18 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library

20 Walking group, 11am Church Lane

20 Messy Church, 2.30pm St Mary's Green room URC

23 Belleplate ringing, 10.30am VH

25 Macmillan coffee morning, from 9am Red Lion Horse Heath

25 Macmillan

Twelfth Three Counties walk raises £10,000

THE 2015 Bartlow Three-Counties Walk, was held on 3rd May on what proved to be a rainy day. Unlike 2010, when the weather didn't let up, we had sunny spells in the afternoon and this helped create a summer party atmosphere when Karen and the wonderful Linton Jazz Orchestra were playing. Also, surprisingly for a damp day, we attracted almost 500 walkers – mostly hardy souls who came well equipped for the weather.

The walk this year raised £10,000, a good figure for a bad weather day which, although less than we had hoped, brought our 12-year total for the event to £118,000. The funds raised this year have been divided equally between three causes:

- An Addenbrooke's cause – this year, Palliative Care.
- The excellent Linton Health Centre, so important to us all.
- Bartlow Church Restoration – a historic building, preserved for future generations.

The organisers want to thank everyone who walked and contributed to this result and also to thank the many local companies who contributed in financial terms or by providing services to the event. Prominent among these was this year's Prime Sponsor, Art of Clean, and Marshall Landrover and Barnardiston School (who have both supported us since the very first walk); Senior Sponsors were ARM, Mills and Reeve and TWI; Ashdon Windmill Trust, as always, hosted an excellent walker hospitality point and Linton Village College Sports Leadership Course very efficiently marshalled the route.

The 2016 Walk will be held on Sunday 2nd May, so please put that in your diaries now. The Addenbrooke's cause for 2016 will be *Diabetes*. As ever we will also be supporting Linton Health Centre and Bartlow Church restoration.

Graham Howat, Walk Organiser, 891732

What's going on at the Library

THROUGHOUT the school summer holidays children have been coming to the library to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

This year's theme is *Record Breakers*. They are given a folder and for every book they read they get a sticker. If they manage to read six books they are presented with a medal and certificate. The presentation will take place at 11am on Saturday 19th September. Young people aged 11 and over have their own challenge called *Imagination*. They need to read two books and then have the choice of writing a review, creating a comic strip or producing art work. They receive a certificate on completion.

Under fives' can join the Bookstart Bear Club which continues throughout the

year. They receive a paw print in their booklets every time they visit the library and are awarded a certificate when they have six.

The recently formed book group *Daylight Readers* is flourishing. They are reading *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid over the summer and will be discussing it at their next meeting at 10.30am on Friday 18th September in the library. New-members are very welcome.

George, our computer buddy, is available to help with computing skills on Thursday afternoons.

Please visit the library or phone 0345 045 5225 to make an appointment.

Elizabeth Cox
Library assistant

Dragon boat race

GO and see our Health Centre take part in the race held at Ditton Meadows on the Cam on 12th September.

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Belleplate ringing



The Belleplate which was designed by the Chapmans some 10 years ago.

Picture supplied by Peter Wheeler

THE article last month referred to the history of tower bell ringing over 400 years ago. Then some ringers started to use tuned handbells to practice some of the skills needed in the tower without creating the sound over the entire neighbourhood. Now handbells are more used for playing songs and music which is not restricted to the timing of the swing of the tower bells.

Ten years ago Sheila and Maurice Chapman found that triangular pieces of metal could also produce similar sounds. They developed the idea and produced Belleplates. They won national business awards for the development and mar-

eting of Belleplates, which are much lighter than handbells and very compact and sturdy. They can be rung by both young and old people.

Earlier this year we started a small group to ring a two octave set of Belleplates in Linton. We will restart fortnightly meetings from 10.30-12noon on Wednesday 23rd September in the Green Room Linton Free Church Hall, Horn Lane where everyone is welcome. We need a few more people to join the group so do come along and give it a try. It is entertaining and fun. Musical experience or the ability to read music scores is not needed.

Peter Wheeler, 971057

AGM of Chalklands and Paynes Meadow Residents Association

THIS will take place on at 7.30pm on Monday 14th September in the Chalklands Community Room, and the Committee would urge as many residents as possible to attend. Committee members are in very short supply and unless more are sought, the future of the Association is in serious doubt.

The committee only meets approximately three monthly and its function is to deal with and hopefully resolve any issues arising within our area, working in close contact with the Parish Council.

However, everyone is welcome whether or not willing to join the committee. It may be an interesting experience.

Hope to see you on the 14th.

Kate Eagin, Secretary, 890283

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Curious Art
ARTISTS David Apps and Julie Kuyath relocated to Brighton in 2013, David from London's East End, Julie from Barcelona, eventually meeting by chance at their respective private views.

Immediately attracted by each other's art, and to each other, they realised that their artwork shared three basic elements: Poly vinyl acrilate (PVA); the use of found/ recycled objects; and a meticulous attention to detail.

Apps and Kuyath create art from their studio, a beautiful glass conservatory overlooking the sea in Hove; David using his treasure trove of found objects to create his elaborate, bejeweled, bespoke frames for Julie's surrealist collages.

They have just completed a series of collaborative works entitled *The Curious Room*, which takes inspiration from the folklore fairy tales of Charles Perrault and the literature of Angela Carter – utilizing the authors' themes of desire, fear and mischievous wonder to create irresistible and highly collectible art.

A collection of both David Apps' and Julie Kuyath's outstanding individual, and collaborative works can be seen at *The Curious Room* exhibition held at Windmillart on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September.

Opening times: Saturday 12noon to 9pm. - Sunday 12noon to 6pm. Opening/meet the artist's party 5pm to 9pm. Saturday 12th September.

The location of Windmillart is Windmill House, Long Lane, Linton. David Apps: www.artificialdesigns.co.uk Julie Kuyath: www.juliekuyath.com

Group discount for solar panels

IN 2011 a group from Coton got together to form a solar PV panel bulk purchase scheme. The resulting eCoton scheme allowed 75 residents from South Cambs to install solar panels at a reduced price. Now, in 2015, a group of volunteers from the Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership are organising a second scheme, 'eCoton Solar Savers', open to all property owners in South Cambs.

Prices of PV panels have come down by half since the first eCoton scheme. The largest domestic system is around £6,000. Financial returns are partly through savings on electricity bills and partly through the Feed-in-Tariff (FIT), the government payment scheme to homeowners. This has been reduced since 2011 but the payback period is still about 7 years, and panels can be expected to last for 20–25 years.

If you would like to register interest in this scheme, send an email to ecoton.solarsavers@gmail.com. When prices are arranged, you will receive details and then be invited to attend an information meeting on Wednesday 23rd September in Haslingfield, where you can meet the SPEP volunteers running the scheme and the solar panel installation company. Following this, the installers will arrange for an assessor to visit your property to establish its suitability for solar panels.

Should your property be suitable for solar panels, then it is only at this point that you would need to decide if you want to proceed. All contracts and payments will be made between you and the installer – the role of SPEP volunteers is to set a price with the installer and set up the scheme.

Amanda Fulle, eCoton Solar Savers team

Historical Society

THE Linton and District Historical society will be starting the new season at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th October in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane.

Following a short AGM, there will be a talk by the well known Hertfordshire speaker, Richard Thomas on *The Gunpowder Plot*. There will also be refreshments and a raffle.

We are in the process of putting together an interesting and varied programme for the coming year and welcome old friends and new to our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month.

Why not put the date of the first talk in your diary. This will be at 7.30pm on 20th October.

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Is your garden cat friendly?

CATS love being out in the garden but it can be full of hidden or unknown dangers. Cats are inquisitive creatures and you can be sure they will be investigating every corner, jumping in and out of the flower beds and snoozing somewhere amongst your favourite plants.

Some of the most common and prettiest plants in the garden are poisonous to your cat.

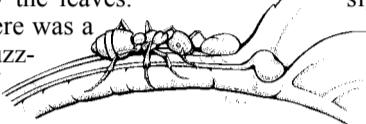
Here is a list of some of the worst offenders and a full list can be found on the internet.

Lilies are among the most toxic of plants to a cat. A very small amount can cause kidney failure. Foxgloves are also highly toxic. Aloe Vera has medicinal properties but can do harm to your cat if he or she decides to eat it. Laburnum seeds and yew, which is used to make hedges, are really toxic and potentially lethal to all pets even in small amounts. Crocus and daffodils, those oh so welcome spring flowers, again are toxic to cats. The bulbs, if eaten, are poisonous.

The vegetable plot doesn't escape either. All parts of onions are toxic, as are potato sprouts and tubers, and rhubarb leaves and uncooked stems.

The Laurel ant

IN August my neighbour called me over and said: "Look at all the bees on my laurel bush, they are feeding on nectar produced by the leaves." Sure enough there was a crowd of bees buzzing in and out of the leaves.



But surely he was wrong I thought, nectar is produced by flowers for pollination. However a quick look on the internet – especially a site called BugBlog or abugblog.blogspot.com showed me that I was wrong.

Apparently some plants like the laurel, broad bean and

cherry have extra floral nectaries, those organs which produce nectar, on the back of young leaves. These are designed to attract ants which in turn feed on any herbivores which could attack the plant's leaves. If you look at such plants like the cherry laurel, on the underside is a small bump or pearl which is the nectary.

In the case of the bees, the plant gets no benefit and so the bee is a nectar robber.

Fran Armes

Looking for cadets, old as well as new

CORPORAL Jonny Durham completed the Nijmegen March earlier this month. The 160km four day march is the world's largest marching event. Jonny was one of twelve cadets selected to represent Beds and Cambs. Wing ATC. Squadron cadets also took part in the Cambridge Race for Life, raising a goodly sum.

2523(Linton) Squadron Air Training Corps will be changing its parade evening for the new academic year. From the 7th September the squadron will parade in the red zone at LVC on Mondays and Thursdays from 7pm to 9.30pm every week. The corps is open to anyone who is joining year eight at school and will be 12 on the 1st September up to the age of 17. If you are interested please get in touch.

The squadron is planning a barbecue on Friday 4th September at Linton Village College and hopes to get together many current and ex members to celebrate. If you were a Linton cadet anytime between 1975 and 2015 we'd love to hear from you. Even better if you have any photographs we could copy we'd like to create a 40 years gallery for our website. So if you are interested in meeting up to tell stories of adventure, comradeship and daring exploits during your time with 2523 Linton Squadron, please contact the squadron with your details at training@aircadets.org or oc.2523@aircadets.org

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Solution to 125 – How much in the Glasses?

The glasses held 1.2, 1.0, 0.8, 0.6, 0.4, 0.2, 0 litres respectively.

Uraria

NEWS IN BRIEF

Macmillan coffee morning

ONCE again Nichols Court would like to welcome visitors to our Macmillan coffee morning from 10am on Friday 25th September.

There will be a raffle, bring and buy, autumn plants, hanging baskets, hot bacon rolls and lots of other stalls.

Please come and support this most worthy cause.

Bel Griffiths 894149

Coffee morning Symonds House

SYMONDS House is having a coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer at 11am on Friday 25th September.

Julie Cleland, 891237

Balsham craft and gift fair

THE Meadow School PTA in Balsham are holding their Autumn Craft and Gift fair from 10.30am to 4pm on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October.

There will be over 50 stalls including handmade crafts and gifts, a mini food fayre, tombola, lucky dip, face painting, a sweet stall and many others. Come along, have a browse and even stay for lunch sampling some of our home made refreshments. Further details can be found at www.pta@meadow.cambs.sch.uk

Debbie Paton

Hildersham news

Shakespeare in the wood, 1st August

NEVER before has the WI been cast as characters within a Shakespearean play. In the Outspoken Theatre Company's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, held in the Old School Wood, the President of the WI had great difficulty managing her members, particularly as Mrs Bottom and an exceptional Puck charmed the audience as well as the Queen of the Fairies. The company put on its usual wonderful performance, despite the limitations of working within a building compound that is the car park at Hildersham church. The audience was enchanted along with the characters but returned to reality to enjoy their wine and interval picnic. We look forward to next year.

It's Teatime

THE next Teatime will be from 3pm on Thursday 3rd September. All are welcome. If you have not been to a village tea before it is a chance to sit and have tea and home-made cakes and meet your neighbours from local villages for a chat. Sometimes the cost of tea is donated to a chosen charity and from time to time there is a stall selling Fairtrade products. There is always good company. Try it and see if it is your cup of tea.

Holy Trinity Hildersham Heritage Day

2015 is the 150th anniversary of the beautiful East Window in Hildersham church and the 125th anniversary of the chancel wall paintings. To celebrate our exceptional cultural heritage on Sunday 4th October here will be a day of talks, tours, refreshments and a special choral evensong at 6pm. There will be more details in the October LN but please put this date in the diary.

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I HAVEN'T gone anywhere quite yet. Some very kind people have dropped in to see me to say goodbye, having heard half of a message. Yes, I have got a new job but sorry, actually you've got to put up with me until January 2016 because that is when I take up the post at Saffron Walden County High School.

We have, however, begun the task of showing prospective applicants around the school and I must say everyone has really been impressed so far, in spite of the potholes in the drive and the last vestiges of restoration work being done to the Listed Building. The interviews for Executive Principal are in the middle of September, so you may know more by the time of the October edition. As for the potholes, they will disappear over the summer because we have been successful in securing a large sum of money for drive resurfacing and some new signage.

It is a matter of pleasure for me to hand over the building and site in a repaired and enhanced state: the hinges of all doors and windows in the 1937 building now work for the first time in over a decade and the metalwork really looks rather beautiful.

As I write this, we are getting ready to pack up for the summer. We have very few teacher leavers this year but two I ought to mention: we say goodbye to Dan Carter, Lead Tutor of Redgrave House and the man responsible for the improvement in our PE results in recent years. He is going to lead PE across a group of schools in Harlow. I would also wish a warm farewell to Angela Cassidy, our lovely Assistant Principal who is taking time out from her career to raise her young family. Angela was responsible for teaching, learning and training prior to our last Ofsted inspection and she leaves a great legacy in making such an important contribution to our Outstanding status. We will miss both Dan and Angela very much.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

First team trainer required for Linton Granta

LINTON Granta FC started the new season at Fulbourn FC on Tuesday 11th August. The new season soon comes round and the players have been training and involved in pre-season friendlies since early July.

There have been a few players leaving and a few new faces but all are keen to get

started (I think).

The big loss will be our physio, Robin, who has now decided he would prefer a younger person to take on the magic sponge duties so he can concentrate his efforts on his many duties as Chairman.

Robin has spent many seasons as trainer and it will be difficult to find a more

dedicated person to take on the role.

However I am confident someone out there would be willing to take on the task. It would involve being with the First team on match days and having some interest in first aid and/or sports injuries.

Full training will be given and the club will provide all necessary equipment and the opportunity to attend a recognised Emergency Aid course through The Cambridgeshire FA.

The position is open to male and female volunteers and if you have any interest in assisting the local team or would like further information contact the present trainer, Robin Williams, on 07783 881439, robinlesley@fsmail.net or secretary, David O'Dell, on 07739 962564, davidodell33@hotmail.com to discuss this position or any other way you think you could help in the running or assisting in the administration of the club.

We are always pleased to welcome new members, players and volunteers.

Brian Manley,
President

President's day another success

LINTON cricket club's recent President's Day proved to be another success for the club, raising over £500.

Teams with a mixture of players from the men's teams and some of the older juniors played in a four team tournament with games of 10 innings with each player having to bowl an over.

There were a number of other events going on over the course of the day, including a raffle, a cake stall and food and drinks. The day finished with a junior presentation evening for over 60 juniors.

At the time of writing, both the first and second teams are still top of their tables and looking good for promotion even though the firsts did lose a close game away at Royston on the 15th August with the holiday season finally taking its toll.

Linton second team lost their unbeaten run to a good Mill Green side. Luke Gouldstone took an early wicket and Dave Larcombe bowled tightly from the other end.

At 62 for one at 20 overs, Linton's reply got off to a poor start losing the first three wickets for 28 runs.

Footballers Wanted

AS we at Aztecs welcome in the new season, we are looking for boys now aged 15 and 16 to join our under 16 and under 17 teams.

If you know a young man who is just about to start college or year 11 and who wants to play football, get him to have a look at our website www.aztecsjfc.co.uk for more information and details of how to join.

Susan Woodley,
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Headstones unsafe at Hadstock so need to trace relatives urgently

On a recent check of headstones within the Churchyard of St. Botolph's Church, Hadstock we have found the following headstones to be unsafe, and urgently need repairs to them. If you are able to assist us in tracing relatives of any of the people listed below, we would appreciate it. Otherwise, the headstones have to be laid flat on the ground.

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Ernest Freeman	1899-1984
Susan Mallyon	-1904
Stephen Mallyon	-1902
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and wife Ada Rose Davey	1901-1991
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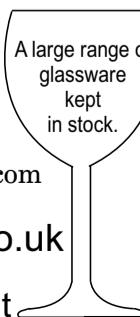
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Hunting with hounds in Linton



Linton High Street from Mill Lane to Colvills, circa 1914

Picture from Garth's collection

was located except that the old name for Rivey Hill was Ballydon.

Hunting was not confined to chasing foxes and around noon on April 28th 1922 a large

crowd assembled on the Swan Bridge to see a meeting of otter hounds.

The crowd waited for two hours before a number of motor vehicles drew up and released the hounds. They were led up the High Street and to the bottom of Mill Lane where they entered the water, followed by the mounted huntsmen. They proceeded along the river to Great Barham Hall and returned to the Beeches in Green Lane where they halted for alcohol and refreshment.

After a short break the hunt was resumed and proceeded to Hildersham Mill where they were collected by motor vehicles.

They later moved on to Shelford but failed to make a kill that day.

The river was deeper in those days and contained large numbers of trout, so the otters were hunted to protect fishing.

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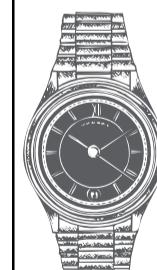
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Parish Council Matters

Symond's Lane - that blooming road!

THE open space at the back of Crabtree Croft, from the corner of Symond's Lane, leading to Back Road, has looked neglected for some time. Linton parish council (LPC) has, as an initiative with the ecology officer at South Cambridgeshire district council, Rob Mungovan, started to improve the area for the benefit of neighbours and the village. The improvements have already started with cutting back and clearing scrub so that a wild flower area can be established - the corner burst into bloom last month and is a great improvement on brambles and nettles.

**The beauty ...**

Picture by Simon Hill

A more serious matter is the path and road surface along Symond's Lane. The uneven surface and slope of the path make it hard for the less agile to walk or travel along with wheelchairs, buggies and prams. This was brought to greater prominence recently when a group from Symond's House came to St Mary's Fete - it was hazardous and uncomfortable for those in wheelchairs and difficult for those pushing. Then we heard that some residents of Nichols Court had had a damaging accident after getting stuck in one of the ruts. Take a look at the road surface - it is breaking up, with

Did you know ... ?

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ways. Fortunately kindly truck drivers had been feeding her. If no one claims her in 28 days she will be put up for adoption and if I didn't already have four dogs I would not have hesitated in giving her a home. We have called her Lucy and she is a real sweetie-pie. Thanks also to Mr Urwin for lending me a slipland.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Floods - parish and neighbourhood aspects

AT the 200th anniversary of Waterloo, thoughts turned to the Iron Duke, and his famous Wellington boots ... Linton is in a valley and vulnerable to flooding - not just from the rising river water but from rainfall on higher areas such as Rivey Hill and rising ground to the east of the village.

Leadwell Meadows (the pocket park) is owned by the parish and serves as a flood plain, to protect areas downstream from the rapid rise of water coming from the uplands and tributaries of the River Granta. The parish council is working hard to restore the floodplain working with the excellent South Cambridgeshire district council ecology officer.

The pond is to be cleared and accumulated silt removed. I remember this as an open area with a large pond - and a couple

of tortoises. My late dog, Jasper the dalmatian, had such a shock when after leaving his mark upon a rock, the 'rock' got up and slowly walked away ...

The owner of riverside land has a duty to keep drainage ditches clear and in good condition. So, the three drainage ditches on Leadwell Meadows are to be excavated and cleared. One has almost been lost, but is quite clear on the original maps as supplied by John and Susan Anderson. Restoring this ditch should help keep the paths clear and fit for walking, even in winter.

Some trees and scrub will be removed, improving access to paths and opening up ground for soak-away and the re-establishment of wildflowers. The removed wood will be heaped up and allowed to rot, to encourage ecological development.

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ridges, potholes and the surface generally in dreadful condition. That road is dangerous for cars, cyclists, the disabled - in fact for all of us.

**... and the beast**

Picture by Enid Bald

I see the traffic from my office - one day I saw 12 HGVs using Symond's Lane - why? I can understand some are going to Symond's House (one or two a day) but the other 10 were not local deliveries. We are being used as a rat run for HGVs, going where? To Hildersham or Balsham along Back Road, perhaps? This is no longer just a residential road, but a major through route for cars and lorries using it to avoid congestion or to shorten a journey. Heaven help us if the Haverhill HGVs start to use this route regularly ...

LPC has continually raised the problem of this road and so many other issues with Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) highways (safety, disability access, Horn Lane ford, traffic markings, excess

street furniture, parking, etc). Our county councillor is also

aware of the issues. We have had meetings, shown officers the problems, and contacted highways repeatedly ... to no effect. However, we have had Dolphin Close resurfaced twice in six months - what is the logic there?

We have started by improving what the parish council can improve - but our show of wildflowers is minor compared to the problems that only CCC highways can tackle - the condition of the roads. The parish is also willing to pay for several small safety projects, needing only advice and permission from CCC - again no response. CCC and highways in particular might give the reason that they are starved of funding, but that is not a tenable position when some work could be done by the parishes as 'third party funders'. All we need is the help of their permanent staff for advice and permission.

Please do not criticise the parish council when the cemetery road and paths are resurfaced. They are in a dangerous condition and this is solely in the hands of LPC. The reconfiguration will also provide further space for ashes interments in years to come, so we are planning for our future. We take care for aspects that are our responsibility, and CCC should accept their duties.

Please write to CCC highways and your county councillor, whose portfolio it is, and report road and traffic problems on their website: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults>

What we need are safe roads and paths for all to travel along (and to discourage all those HGVs ... !)

Cllr Enid Bald

Tree supporters

THE little trees that were planted in the spring were hit hard by the spell of hot and dry weather. The need to water them is relentless as the summer progresses, until their root systems have established. We have been moved by the gentle support of some of the village members who have seen us watering and offered help.



The Hundred Parishes Society

Our deputy tree wardens have taken much of the strain of watering and checking the trees over the last weeks. In the cemetery, every day, Alan has done huge amounts of work quietly and unassumingly, keeping the trees supplied with water. On Wheatsheaf Way, Carole has made the work lighter by just being there - watering and

clearing invasive growth from a Whitebeam. It was being overwhelmed by brambles but is recovering. On the recreation ground, the children have helped immeasurably by filling watering cans for us from the river. At all three sites, we can't thank everyone enough for their help and acts of affection for the trees.

Tree team

sengers and freight were migrating from rail to road. It may be hard for younger people today to imagine that before the 1960s only one household in 10 had a car.

Our area was particularly affected by rail closures: in the north the line from Cambridge via Linton to Haverhill and the branch line from Audley End through Saffron Walden to Bartlow; in the west, the Buntingford line; and in the east the route between Bishop's Stortford, Dunmow and Braintree. The closure of so many stations probably constrained expansion and thereby helped the Hundred Parishes retain its rural characteristics.

Whilst the rails have been removed, the routes are still largely visible on maps and on the ground, with the Dunmow track finding new life as the Flitch Way for people on foot, cycle or horseback.

Ken McDonald, secretary

This work, with flood amelioration work on the recreation ground, should help protect the village, Hildersham and others downstream towards Cambridge, from future flooding.

Nevertheless, any development that affects the floodplain would put all of the villages at risk. One topic of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) involves the environment, including flood prevention issues. So, a robust NP would help protect the villages against issues that might impact upon our floodplain. It is noted (in the strategic housing land availability assessments of land development) that development to the east of the village (including the Bartlow Road area), would have just such an impact. Work on the NP continues - thank you to those who came to talk to us at our stall at St Mary's Fete.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 16th July 2015.

Present: Cllr Enid Bald (EB)(chairman); Cllr Paul Poulter (PP)(vice-chair); Cllr David Champion (DC); Cllr Brian Cox (Dr)(BC); Cllr Simon Hill (SH); Cllr Brian Manley (BM); Cllr Merrie Mannassi (MM); Cllr Paul Richardson (PR); Cllr Alison Walker (AW); Cllr Beatrice Ward (Dr)(BW). Clerk: Marilyn Strand. District councillor Henry Batchelor.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Jan Bumstead, Nicola Miller, Graham Potter, Amy Smith and Jacque Wilson. District & county councillor Roger Hickford.

Welcome to new councillors: The chairman gave a warm welcome to new councillors Paul Richardson and Amy Smith.

Councillors' declarations of interest: SH declared a personal interest in the allotments item.

Chairman's comment: Cowpat Day had been successful and Cllr Brian Manley judged the winner of the first prize. In addition, St. Mary's Church had held its annual fete and this had been a very comfortable, cosy, friendly experience for those attending. (BC added that it had raised over £4000 for the church.)

The induction of the new rector, Maggie Guitte, was attended by the chairman who welcomed her on behalf of the villages and parishes she will be serving.

Barry Easton, youth worker for the Beacon Trust, will be leaving at the end of this term. Although he will be 'out of sight' he will remain in the hearts and minds of many in the village. Julie Bristow has also stepped down from her role at the Trust.

Congratulations go to Professor Alastair Compston, a resident of the village, on receiving a prestigious scientific award for his research in the treatment of Multiple Sclerosis.

Matters arising/clerk's report: The clerk reported that the white lines had been repainted in Coles Lane car park following a telephone call from contractors working in the area on behalf of Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) highways. They had called to offer this service at approximately a quarter of the usual cost and, after consultation with the chairman, the clerk had accepted the offer.

District and county councillors' reports & business: Cllr Batchelor had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. Cllr Batchelor highlighted the Bartlow Road planning proposal and said that this was still at the pre-planning stage at present. He added that what the final application would look like is yet to be seen but this should be received within the next four to eight weeks.

Cllr Hickford had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted.

A highways department Open Day for South Cambridgeshire is due to be held on Thursday 17th September.

Policies' review, tree management & assessment policy: Following a short discussion it was agreed to make a change to the second sentence of the policy to read: Parish council owned trees, and trees which the PC acknowledges it is responsible for, have been mapped and identified by species (see Hayden's reports).

It was then proposed by MM to adopt the revised policy and this was seconded by PR. All agreed with one abstention.

Update on social media: Following the success of a three month trial of the PC's Facebook page, it was proposed by BW that this would now continue indefinitely and the proposal was seconded by BM. All agreed with one abstention.

PR will facilitate the page when NM is unavailable.

Update on Beacon Trust service level agreement: It was agreed that the Beacon Trust could temporarily employ Malcolm Coxall to take over the youth work.

Update on Leadwell Meadows: A tree is reported to have fallen into the river and BC will remove this.

EB & BW had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. It was proposed by MM that the boundary fencing should be post and rail (with an extra rail at the bottom to stop animals coming in or out) and this was seconded by BW. All agreed.

Update on Swan bridge area: Work to paint the bridge and railings is due to begin in August. It was agreed to form a working group to consider improvements to this area. The PC's Facebook page will be used to communicate with residents over the design of the area, although public consultation will be mainly with residents living in the immediate vicinity of Swan bridge.

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP): PP reported that the PC had held a stall at the recent flower festival in order to engage with residents over the NP, as well as other PC matters. A great deal of interest had been shown in the NP with 55 more people signing up to receive information on the progress of this. PR had helped to submit a funding bid of approximately £7,500 for consultation fees associated with the NP. In two weeks' time, the five working groups will be getting together to look at evidence objectives in each of the different areas of the plan and this will form the first step in the plan's development. PP thanked Sue Parry for the huge amount of work which had already gone into forming the groups and arranging meetings. South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) had also been extremely helpful.

Update on allotments: The PC is currently awaiting soil tests which will be carried out after the harvest. It was reiterated that the PC will not proceed with the purchase of the land without investigating all other ancillary costs. The Linton allotment association's business plan would be part of the documentation scrutinised by SCDC before their compulsory purchase order on the land could be considered.

Tree matters: It had been agreed at the last meeting to employ Atlas Tree Surgery Ltd to carry out all remaining tree works in order to comply with Hayden's tree survey carried out in January 2015. BW will liaise with BM regarding tree work on the recreation ground which could be affecting the use of the football pitch.

It was agreed that mulch mats could be purchased to protect the base of trees from strimmers at a cost of approximately £2 each.

Cemetery matters: The chairman explained that the roadworks quotation had been revised due to three main factors advised by JF Knight following a site meeting with their estimator: 1) A measurement of the existing surface area was greater than that shown on the PC's original specification. 2) There are numerous areas where root damage means that the surface needs to be re-laid rather than overlaid. 3) A surfacing depth of 30mm would be more hard-wearing and longer-lasting than the 25mm specified by the PC.

It was proposed by PP to accept the revised quotation and the proposal was seconded by BW. All agreed.

It was agreed that the clerk would post notices on unmarked graves asking for relatives to contact the PC regarding maintenance. A notice will also be posted on Facebook and the PC's website. It was also agreed that the clerk would contact the community payback service to ask them to come and tidy graves in the cemetery.

Traffic matters: The condition of the road and footpath on Symonds Lane had been brought to the attention of the PC by a resident. It was agreed that the road and footpath is in an appalling condition and is causing problems for many elderly people, including residents of Symonds House and Nichols Court, who use it. Responsibility for highways maintenance falls to CCC and it was agreed to encourage residents to report this, and any other highways issues, directly to them. Various forms of media will be used to inform the public of the correct reporting procedure, including an article in the Linton News and information posted on the PC's Facebook page.

Following advice from BW, AW proposed that the PC apply for a licence to plant low growing trees on the verge of the A1307 at the top of the High Street to deter people from parking there, and the proposal was seconded by DC. All agreed.

Transport matters: PR raised the issue of the electronic timetable boards at the bus stops at Swan bridge and on the A1307, neither of which are working. The clerk will write to CCC in regard to this.

Caring for God's Acre – the beautiful burial ground con-

ference: EB & BW had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted.

Myth Buster tour – Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) & South Cambridgeshire district council: PR had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted and discussed. EB thanked PR for attending the tour, and for his report.

Consideration of correspondence received: Dr A Foote regarding inadequate waste bin provision on Camping Close. It had been agreed at a previous meeting that two further bins would be provided on Camping Close and this will be actioned as soon as possible. MM to advise on siting.

Cambridge Community Foundation regarding AmeyCespa grants. It was agreed for costs to be obtained for the proposed BMX track on the recreation ground, which will then be submitted as a grant application to AmeyCespa.

Ms E Saunders regarding overhanging trees in the cemetery. BW advised that the tree in question had not been highlighted on Hayden's tree survey (carried out in January 2015) and therefore did not require any work to be carried out on it by the PC. It was agreed that if branches overhang a resident's property then they are within their rights to cut back the offending branches as long as no damage is caused to the tree. (Branches removed should be offered back to the owner of the tree, in this case the PC.) The ivy on one tree had been managed and would soon be less of an issue.

Santander regarding tax on interest. Following advice from the PC's internal auditor, tax paid on interest had now been refunded by Santander and will not be charged on interest paid to the PC in future. The clerk was thanked for her initiative.

SCDC regarding The Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership. It was agreed that the PC would join the partnership and that PR would be the PC's representative for this.

Hundred Parishes Society regarding membership. It was proposed by BC that the PC should become a member of this society and the proposal was seconded by PR. All agreed. It was noted that some of the information on the website regarding Linton is inaccurate and this will be addressed.

CGM regarding a quotation for summer fertilizer on the recreation ground. BM said that the Football Association's pitch advisor had strongly recommended this work be carried out due to the amount of use the ground gets all year round. It was therefore proposed by PP to accept CGM's quotation and the proposal was seconded by DC. Councillors voted eight in favour with one against and one abstention and the proposal was carried.

Wicksteed Playground regarding their play equipment inspection report. Noted.

Office improvements: It was proposed by AW to purchase a portable air cooler/heater for the PC office at a cost of £319 and the proposal was seconded by DC. All agreed.

Note: Copies of the full minutes, reports and documents referred to above can be inspected at the parish council office.

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